

# The Curry County 4-H Times

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## Notes from the Extension Office

The year is flying by, school is almost out, and the Extension Office staff is gearing up for the summer 4-H activities! We are excited and hope to see lots of faces involved with the activities we have happening throughout the summer!

Many of you have purchased your livestock projects and have begun working with those animals to prepare them for the fair, please do not hesitate to contact Kandy if you need help, have questions or would like advice on feed and work routines! I would love to help! There is lots of information in this newsletter regarding livestock and the fair, please read the newsletter carefully and take note of that information.

We will begin contest practices this month; I have included the practice schedule through June. Contest practices and awards will look different this summer than they have in the past. Please look for information included in this newsletter and reach out to us if you have any questions. We will schedule more practices for seniors after district contest.

Lastly, Curry County will be hosting the Southeast District 4-H Contest June 17-19. We will need help from parents and volunteers, please call the office to let us know if you are interested in helping during District Contest.

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## NM State 4-H Horse School

### June 2-5, 2025

## Southern NM State Fairgrounds

## Las Cruces, NM

**Beyond Ready**

CONTACT YOUR COUNTY  
EXTENSION OFFICE FOR DETAILS!

**Deadline for Horse School Registration is May 16<sup>th</sup>.** Please reach out to the office if you are interested in attending. To attend, horse certificates must have been submitted by May 1.

# Activities and Happenings

# Youth Get Away

The next **county council meeting** will be held on **May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Extension Office**. We ask that each club please send a representative to vote and give an update for their club. Senior members that are interested in applying for a State Leadership team position, please ask your parents to check their emails. Mrs. Kandy sent out an email with information about the application process with deadlines beginning May 12<sup>th</sup>.



## 4-H Shooting Sports

Learn by Doing

### ***Safety Training***

A yearly safety meeting is **REQUIRED** for all 4-H shooting sports members. Youth cannot participate in live fire (in any discipline) until they complete a safety meeting. Two more meetings will be offered: May 16 @ 6pm and May 24<sup>th</sup> @10am. There will be no more meetings offered after these!



Youth Get-Away (YGA) 2023, was held at Glorieta Adventure Camp on April 11-13. The theme this year was "Be Out Of This World with 4-H". During this event, participants had an opportunity to learn about a variety of projects, contests and leadership, as well as participate in community service projects! Thirty-four Curry County members attended YGA this year. Levi Dunlap represented Curry County as a Counselor and did a great job working with the members. Denny Turner, Kyle Wood and Shaylee Priest continue to make us proud in their roles on the State Leadership team. Thank you to the parent chaperones who volunteered their time to go to YGA! A big thank you and shout out to the Curry County Youth Supporters who paid a large portion of the registration fees for each of our members and chaperones to attend! Curry County 4-H members had a "BLAST"!

# SEWING WITH MS. TAMMY

MS. TAMMY (CURRY COUNTY 4-H SEWING LEADER) WILL BE HERE ON MAY 27 TO HELP YOU WORK ON YOUR SEWING PROJECTS FOR COUNTY CONTEST AND THE FAIR. YOU MAY BRING YOUR OWN MACHINE OR USE ONE OF OURS.

#### WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

PROJECT MANUAL	PATTERN(S)
FABRIC	NOTIONS/ACCESSORIES
THREAD	SEWING SUPPLIES (PINS/SCISSORS/ETC)
SACK LUNCH	

**MAY 27, 2025**

**9 AM - 3 PM**

CURRY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

REFER TO YOUR PROJECT MANUAL, FAIRBOOK AND CONTEST RULES FOR POTENTIAL PROJECTS AND REQUIREMENTS. THIS WILL TELL YOU WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING TO COMPLETE YOUR ITEM.

### Tentative 4-H Rodeo Schedule 2025

Farmington - July 12-13  
Tucumcari - July 25-26  
TorC - Aug. 16-17  
Pecos - Aug. 30-31  
Farmington - State Finals Sept. 19-21



*Rodeo paperwork was required to be submitted in February. If you need to complete entries or need your contestant number, please email Kandy at [khutchin@nmsu.edu](mailto:khutchin@nmsu.edu).*

### TENATIVE NM HORSE SHOW DATES

- o June 28<sup>th</sup> – Roosevelt County,  
at the Roosevelt County Fairgrounds
- o August 9<sup>th</sup> - Curry County,  
at the Curry County Fairgrounds
- o September 6<sup>th</sup> - NM State 4-H Horse Show,  
at the NM State Fairgrounds

## Validation Dates

Validation dates have been scheduled with the FFA advisors. You are **REQUIRED** to attend one of the validation dates to get your animals tagged and DNA pulled. Brand inspectors will be at each validation, so don't forget to bring your bills-of-sale and health certificates (out of state animals only). You can attend any of these dates, you don't have to attend the one in your community. Just pick the one that works best for your schedule. There will a \$5/tag cost for tags this year.

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	June 7 <sup>th</sup>
Clovis Ag Farm (7-10am) Melrose Ag Farm (6-8pm)	Texico Ag Farm (7-10am) Grady Schools (6-8pm)	Clovis Fairgrounds (7-10am)

## Livestock Ownership Deadlines

**June 15, 2025**

Beef, Swine, Goats, Lambs, Dairy Heifers

**June 11, 2025** - Poultry

**July 11, 2025** - Rabbits

### 2025 NM State Fair Jr. Livestock Judges

Goat Judge - Cade Halfmann  
Lamb Judge - Jordan Amburgey  
Swine Judge - David Ammann  
Jr. Breeding Heifer/Jr. Market  
Beef Judge - Scott Greiner

### 2025 ENMSF Judges

Rabbit Judge – Jason Platt  
Market Goat Judge – Skylar Scotten  
Breeding Does Judge – Skylar Scotten  
Market Swine – Miles Toenyes  
Market Lambs – Ryan Mortvedt  
Poultry – Lee Wilcox  
Dairy Heifers – Anthony Reis  
Breeding Heifers – Miles Toenyes  
Land of Enchantment – Michael Schertz  
Market Beef – Miles Toenyes



## JACKPOTS

Off the Rails Pig Jackpot (Clovis)– June 6-7 - Pig  
Summertime showdown Jackpot (Farmington) – June 13-15 – Pig  
Border classic Jackpot (Deming) – June 13-14 – Pig, Cattle, Sheep & Goat  
Lincoln County War (Capitan)- June 14 – Sheep & Goat  
Rawhide Days Jackpot (Tucumcari) – June 20 - Pig, Sheep & Goat  
Three Crosses Classic (Las Cruces) – June 21 – Pig, Sheep & Goat  
Denim & Diamonds Jackpot (Cortez, CO) – June 21-22 – Pig, Sheep & Goat  
NMBLA Independence Day Jackpot (Roswell) – June 27 -28 – Sheep & Goat  
Roosevelt County All American Classic (Portales) – July 5 – Sheep & Goat  
Copper Classic Jackpot (Cliff) – August 2-3 – Pig, Cattle, Sheep & Goat



## SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Curry County Fair is scheduled for  
**August 11-16, 2025.**

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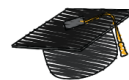
### REMINDER:

**All youth showing livestock are REQUIRED to attend at least four (4) club meetings.**

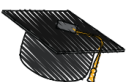
**Absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS will be made.**

### 2025 Curry County Fair Judges

Swine: TBA  
Goats: Clay Burson  
Beef: Ty Gillespie  
Dairy: TBA  
Rabbits: Teresa DeSautell  
Poultry: David Frazier



*Seniors*



Class of 2025-2026

The Curry County Fair Board will be continuing the Senior Recognition program! Seniors will have a personalized banner that they will hang at the show ring prior to the swine show on Tuesday afternoon.

We need each senior (Class of 25-26) who will be participating in the fair to complete the google form, link below. Please reach out to Kandy Hutchins or Malia Blackburn if you have questions. 2025 Seniors who received a banner last year please do not complete the survey again.

**DUE : May 22<sup>nd</sup> !!!**

<https://forms.gle/kpRHEtAR8USVcRXAA>

## May School Enrichment Highlight

The Curry County Extension Office is offering a new program for the month of May. Explore with your students' making bubbles, the science behind it all and a variety of challenges students can experiment with. The program is will come with a kit to make bubbles with your class and a few instruments to explore with the bubbles. Teachers will also receive a packet that gives you several activities, experiments and ideas on how to challenge your students to think outside the box. If you would like this for your class, please reach out to Diana Wood. [woodd@nmsu.edu](mailto:woodd@nmsu.edu)



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Please join us June 8<sup>th</sup> @3pm to celebrate the accomplishments of Curry County 4-H members!

4-H STEALS THE  
**SHOW**

CURRY COUNTY 4-H  
CONTEST AWARDS 2025  
SUNDAY | 8 JUNE | 3 PM  
CURRY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE

Popcorn Bar with Assorted Lemonades  
Please RSVP to 575-763-6505

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County 4-H**

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## **4-H ENROLLMENT**

- Enrollment is open from October 1- March 1.
- Previous/Current Members Enrollment Deadline – January 15
  - Have been a member of 4-H in 2023-2024 or prior
- ***New Membership Enrollment Deadline– March 1<sup>st</sup>***
  - ***Have never been enrolled in 4-H and are brand new members***
- The deadline to add projects is July 1.

## **4-H AGES for the 2024-2025 4-H Year**

	Cloverbud	Novice	Junior	Senior
Grade*	K, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> & Up
Age as of January 1, 2024 - the current 4-H Year (October-October)	5, 6, 7 – 8 year olds in the 2nd grade	8 year olds in the 3rd grade, 9 year olds, 10 year olds, 11 year olds in the 5th grade	11 year olds in the 6th grade; 12 year olds; 13 year olds in the 7th grade	13 year olds in the 8th grade; 14 year olds; 15 year olds; 16 year olds; 17 year olds; 18 year olds; Youth who are 19 by December 31 of the current 4-H year are not eligible to enroll as a 4-H member.

\*Grade as of January 1 of the current 4-H year (October-September).

Accordingly, youth participate in summer and fall fair activities in the grade they just completed. These are standard grades based on public school general ages. Exceptions such as home or private schools or youth who have skipped a grade must be determined under the appropriate age.

## **Active Membership**

Curry County 4-H members must maintain an “Active Membership” status prior to participation in 4-H Rodeo, County Contests, District and State Conference, or Junior Divisions of the Curry County Fair. An “active” member will be considered one who completes enrollment prior to January 15<sup>th</sup> or March 1, attends four (4) or more regularly scheduled 4-H meetings. No more than two (2) meetings in any given month will count toward the membership requirement. Meetings count during the 4-H year which is October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>.

# Curry County 4-H Dates to Remember

DATE	EVENT
May 16	Registration for NM 4-H Horse School DUE Shooting Sports Safety Meeting @6pm – Extension Office
May 19	Curry County 4-H Council Meeting 6:00pm – Extension Office
May 22-23	Contest Practices begin
May 24	Final Shooting Sports Safety Meeting @10am – Extension Office
May 27	Sewing Project Workday with Tammy Dunlap 9-3 – Extension Office
June 2-5	NM 4-H Horse School
June 2	Validation Day (Clovis Ag Farm & Melrose Ag Farm)
June 6	Validation Day (Texico Ag Farm & Grady Schools)
June 7	Validation Day (Curry County Fairgrounds)
June 8	County Contest Awards
June 11	<b><i>Ownership Deadline for Poultry</i></b>
June 15	<b><i>Ownership Deadline for dairy, goats, sheep &amp; swine DNA Deadline for NM State Fair</i></b>
June 17-19	District 4-H Contests – Curry County
July 1	Last Day to Add Projects
July 7-10	State 4-H Conference
July 11	<b><i>Ownership Deadline for Rabbits</i></b>
August 11-16	Curry County Fair
September 6-14	NM State Fair
Sept. 29-Oct. 4	Eastern NM State Fair



# MAY/JUNE 4-H CONTEST PRACTICE SCHEDULE



## May/June 2025

Tuesday/Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19 County Council	20	21	22	23	24
					1 pm Parti Pro 3-5 pm Hip/Bowl 9 am Hort	
25	26 Memorial Day	27 9 am Hort 1 pm Parti Pro 6 pm Horse	28 9 am Favorite Foods 10:30 am Public Speaking 5:30 Meats/Skill	29 1-3 pm Hip/Bowl Online Resources & Sign Ups	30 Resource Pick-Up	31
1	2 Tag-In (Clovis/Elsewhere) 9 am Favorite Foods 10:30 am Public Speaking 1-4:30 - Open 1-3 pm Hip/Bowl 5:30 Meats/Skill	3 9- Noon - Open 1 pm Parti Pro 6 pm Horse	4 9 am Hort 1-4:30 - Open 1-3 pm Hip/Bowl 5:30 Meats/Skill	5 9- Noon - Open 1-3 pm Hip/Bowl 3 pm Hort 6 pm Horse	6 Tag-In (Texico/Grady) 9 am Favorite Foods 10:30 am Public Speaking 1 pm Fashion 1-3 pm Make-Up	7 Tag-In (Fairgrounds)
8	9 3 pm Contest Awards	10	11 District Registration Due	12	13	14
15	16	17 Shooting Sports	18 8 am Livestock 9 am Fav Foods 9-2 Agronomy Ento Wildlife Hort FCS Skill 12:30 Clothing 2:30 Parti Pro 4 Bowls	19 7-10 Meats Lvsk Skillathon Consumer 8 am Horse 8:30 Presentation 9:30 Public Spk 10:30 Poetry	20	21

\*\*Open will include Agronomy; CDM; Ento; FCS; Livestock; Wildlife – any other contest they have questions on – this will be come and go – they can stay the entire time and study, etc or do the contests they need and leave. We will have a snack table available. If you would like to contribute snacks, please bring them by the Extension Office or send them with your child.